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AND PURIFICATION APPARATUS

Examiner: P. T. Lewis

## **AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In view of the Office Action dated June 2, 2005 and of the Notice of Appeal filed on December 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.